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## ANNUAL REPORT for the Year 1968

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE RURAL DISTRICT  
COUNCIL OF RINGWOOD AND FORDINGBRIDGE

I submit for your information and consideration my twenty-second Annual Report on the health and sanitary circumstances of your District.

### NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

The Rural District of Ringwood and Fordingbridge is, in area, the third largest County District in Hampshire. It lies along the south-west border of the County and is separated from the sea by the narrow coastal town of Christchurch. The river Avon traverses the District from north to south running through a fertile valley with forest and open barren heathland on either side.

The District contains 16 parishes of very varying size and population and with a total area of some 140 square miles. The population shows a steady increase, entirely as the result of immigration since, with an ageing population including many who are retired, deaths normally exceed births. The population increase in the past 10 years is 18%

The main industry is agriculture with the emphasis on dairy farming but in addition there is a vast aircraft factory, a foundry engaged in the production of motor car parts, extensive gravel workings and a considerable amount of light industry.

### RAINFALL FOR 1968:—

The following figures have been provided by the courtesy of the Meteorological Officer at Hurn Airport.

	Ins.		Ins.
January . . .	2.89	July . . .	1.72
February . . .	2.30	August . . .	1.76
March . . .	1.04	September . . .	5.45
April . . .	2.58	October . . .	4.12
May . . .	2.56	November . . .	1.60
June . . .	3.40	December . . .	4.31
TOTAL: 33.73 inches			

## GENERAL STATISTICS:

AREA: 90,145 acres.

POPULATION: Registrar-General's estimate for mid year 1968: 30,420.

NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES: 10,993.

RATEABLE VALUE AT 31.12.68: £1,311,688.

SUM REPRESENTED BY A PENNY RATE: £5,203.

## VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1968:

(as supplied by the Registrar General)

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Ringwood &amp; Fordingbridge Rural District</i>	<i>England and Wales</i>
<b>LIVE BIRTHS:</b>					
Total . . .	410	183	227		
Legitimate . . .	368	161	207		
Illegitimate . . .	42	22	20		

## LIVE BIRTH RATE (Comparability Factor 1.21)

Per 1,000 population . . . . .	13.5	16.9
After application of comparability factor . . . . .	16.3	

## ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS:

Per cent of total live births . . . . .	10.4
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## STILL BIRTHS:

Total . . .	4	3	1
Legitimate . . .	3	2	1
Illegitimate . . .	1	1	—

## STILL BIRTH RATE:

Per 1,000 total (live & still births) . . . . .	9.7	14.0
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## TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS: 414.

## INFANT DEATHS:

*Deaths under one year of age:*

Total . . .	9	6	3
Legitimate . . .	9	6	3
Illegitimate . . .	—	—	—

*Deaths under four weeks of age:*

Total . . .	7	5	2
Legitimate . . .	7	5	2
Illegitimate . . .	—	—	—

*Deaths under one week of age:*

Total . . .	4	2	2
Legitimate . . .	4	2	2
Illegitimate . . .	—	—	—



	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Ringwood &amp; Fordingbridge Rural District</i>	<i>England and Wales</i>
<b>INFANT MORTALITY RATE:</b>					
Per 1,000 live births:	Total	.	.	21.9	18.0
" " " "	Legitimate	.	.	24.4	
" " " "	Illegitimate	.	.	Nil	

**NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE:***Deaths under 4 weeks:*

Per 1,000 live births	.	.	.	17.1	12.3
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**EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE:***Deaths under one week:*

Per 1,000 live births	.	.	.	9.7	10.5
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**PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE:***Still births and deaths under one week combined:*

Per 1,000 total (live & still) births	.	.		19.3	25.0
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**MATERNAL DEATHS:**

(Including abortion) . . . . Nil

**MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE:**

Per 1,000 total (live & still births)	.	.		Nil	0.24
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**DEATHS:**

<b>Total</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
495	235	260

**DEATH RATE: (Comparability factor 0.59)**

Per 1,000 population	.	.	.	16.3	11.9
After application of comparability factor	.	.	.	9.8	

**SPECIAL CAUSES:***Death rate per 1,000 population:*

Tuberculosis	.	.	.	Nil	0.04
Cancer (lung and bronchus)	.	.	.	0.89	0.59
Cancer (all causes)	.	.	.	2.99	2.32

**COMPARATIVE VITAL STATISTICS:***Since the District was formed in 1932.*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Population</i>	<i>Ringwood and Fordingbridge</i>			<i>England and Wales</i>		
		<i>I.M.R.</i>	<i>B.R.</i>	<i>D.R.</i>	<i>I.M.R.</i>	<i>B.R.</i>	<i>D.R.</i>
1932	18,400	60	15.4	12.6	65	15.3	12.0
1937	18,690	23	13.9	11.8	58	14.9	12.4
1942	20,640	19	17.6	14.9	49	15.8	11.6
1947	21,360	36	22.1	13.6	41	20.5	12.0
1952	24,060	28	16.2	12.4	27.6	15.3	11.3
1957	25,180	30	14.6	18.9	23.0	16.1	11.5
1962	27,380	29	15.0	16.1	21.4	18.0	11.9
1964	28,850	14	14.5	13.6	20.0	18.4	11.3
1965	29,320	9.5	14.4	14.9	19.0	18.1	11.5
1966	29,610	4.9	13.9	14.8	19.0	17.7	11.7
1967	29,880	10.6	12.6	15.4	18.3	17.2	11.2
1968	30,420	21.9	13.5	16.3	18.0	16.9	11.9

## CAUSES OF DEATH:

		<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
B 19	(1) Malignant Neoplasm—Stomach . . . . .	5	1
B 19	(2) Malignant Neoplasm—Lung, Bronchus . . . . .	21	6
B 19	(3) Malignant Neoplasm—Breast . . . . .	—	6
B 19	(4) Malignant Neoplasm—Uterus . . . . .	—	5
B 19	(5) Leukaemia . . . . .	1	—
B 19	(6) Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc. . . . .	24	22
B 21	Diabetes Mellitus . . . . .	2	1
B 23	Anaemias . . . . .	1	—
B 24	Meningitis . . . . .	—	1
B 46	(4) Other Diseases of Nervous System, etc. . . . .	2	6
B 26	Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease . . . . .	1	—
B 27	Hypertensive Disease . . . . .	6	2
B 28	Ischaemic Heart Disease . . . . .	58	63
B 29	Other Forms of Heart Disease . . . . .	10	13
B 30	Cerebrovascular Disease . . . . .	26	76
B 46	(5) Other Diseases of Circulatory System . . . . .	16	21
B 31	Influenza . . . . .	1	4
B 32	Pneumonia . . . . .	14	12
B 33	(1) Bronchitis and Emphysema . . . . .	14	3
B 33	(2) Asthma . . . . .	2	—
B 46	(6) Other Diseases of Respiratory System . . . . .	3	—
B 34	Peptic Ulcer . . . . .	2	2
B 36	Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia . . . . .	3	1
B 37	Cirrhosis of Liver . . . . .	2	1
B 46	(7) Other Diseases of Digestive System . . . . .	3	1
B 38	Nephritis and Nephrosis . . . . .	—	1
B 39	Hyperplasia of Prostate . . . . .	2	—
B 46	(8) Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System . . . . .	3	1
B 46	(10) Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System . . . . .	—	1
B 42	Congenital Anomalies . . . . .	2	—
B 43	Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc. . . . .	2	—
B 44	Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality . . . . .	1	2
B 45	Symptoms and Ill-defined Conditions . . . . .	—	3
BE 47	Motor Vehicle Accidents . . . . .	5	1
BE 48	All Other Accidents . . . . .	1	3
BE 49	Suicide and Self Inflicted Injuries . . . . .	2	1
TOTAL ALL CAUSES		235	260

The Registrar General has adopted a new abridged classification of Causes of Death in accordance with a recent revision of the International Classification of Diseases. Exact comparability with similar categories in the previous cause list cannot be assumed.

## NOTIFIABLE DISEASE :

<i>Notification</i>	<i>Number</i>
Measles . . . . .	43
Scarlet Fever . . . . .	5
Pneumonia . . . . .	3
Infective Jaundice . . . . .	3

## TUBERCULOSIS

	<i>Pulmonary</i>		<i>Non-Pulmonary</i>		<i>Total</i>
	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	
No. on Register at 31.12.68	132	86	43	20	281
No. of new notifications	6	6	—	3	15
Transfers from other areas	—	—	—	—	—
Deaths	—	—	—	—	—

## LUNG CANCER

27 people from the District died of lung cancer during the year, of whom six were women. This is the largest total, both of men and of women to have died of this condition in any one year and raises the number who have died in the District during the past ten years to 165. Of this year's deaths 12 were under the age of 65, 9 men and 3 women.

The national total of deaths from this smoking inflicted disease continues to rise year by year and has now reached 28,826, of whom 4,930 were women. This is an increase of 576 over the previous total, and while the increase is rather less than the average annual increase in recent years, it is hardly a cause for rejoicing, when there is so much unnecessary death.

## GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

## 1. Laboratory Facilities

The area is served by two constituent laboratories of the Public Health Laboratory Service. One is under the direction of Dr. G. J. G. King and is presently being transferred from Boscombe to new premises at the new Poole General Hospital. The other is at Salisbury where the Director is Dr. P. J. Wormald. In both cases the Directors are available as consultants in field work.

The following list, kindly supplied by Dr. King, is of specimens from this District examined at the Boscombe Laboratory.

Milk . . . . .	8
Water . . . . .	26
Ice Cream . . . . .	7
Food . . . . .	3
Faeces . . . . .	2
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## 2. Hospitals

Hospital facilities are provided by the Regional Hospital Board.

Fordingbridge Cottage Hospital

St. Leonards Hospital )

Fordingbridge Infirmary )

Aged and chronic sick

The majority of patients requiring hospital treatment go to Bourne-mouth or Salisbury.

Cases of infectious disease go to the infectious disease unit at the Poole General Hospital.

## 3. Tuberculosis

The clinic facilities for the treatment, prevention, and after-care of this infection are provided jointly by the Regional Hospital Board and the County Council. Cases south of Fordingbridge come under the care of the Chest Physician at Christchurch, and those in the northern part of the area under the Chest Physician at Salisbury. Chest Physicians hold joint appointments, and Health Visitors are provided by the County Council.

## SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL

### 1. Ambulance Services

The area Ambulance Service is provided from a main station at Lymington with sub-stations at Ringwood and Christchurch. All ambulances are fitted with wireless and are controlled from a central control at Winchester, to which all requests for ambulance services must be directed.

The Central Ambulance Control,  
Queen's Road,  
Winchester.

Telephone : Winchester 61644

Emergency 999 calls are routed direct to central control

### 2. Nursing Services

The Nursing Services are administered locally by the District Health Sub-Committee.

Details of Nurses and their areas :

#### NORTHERN NURSING AREA

<i>District Served</i>	<i>Name and Address</i>	<i>Service</i>
Attached to Drs. Straton, Vickery, Hamber and Waldman	Miss I. C. Durley, Nurse's House, Whitsbury Road, Fordingbridge. Tel: F'bridge 3185	NURSE/MIDWIFE & HEALTH VISITOR
Attached to Drs. Straton, Vickery, Hamber and Waldman	Miss H. M. Casey, 2, Lower Bartons, Fordingbridge. Tel: F'bridge 2157	NURSE/MIDWIFE & HEALTH VISITOR
Attached to Drs. Straton, Vickery, Hamber and Waldman	Mrs. A. J. Bolton, "Brentwood", Marle Lane, Sandleheath, Fordingbridge. Tel: F'bridge 3345	NURSE/MIDWIFE & HEALTH VISITOR

## SOUTHERN NURSING AREA

<i>District Served</i>	<i>Name and Address</i>	<i>Service</i>
Ringwood part, Hightown, Moortown, Kingston, Bisterne, Crow, Foulford.	Miss R. Howick, 17, Highfield Avenue, Ringwood. Tel: Ringwood 3565	DISTRICT NURSE/ MIDWIFE
Ringwood part, Blashford, Ellingham, Ibsley, Mockbeggar, Linwood, Rockford, Poulner, Highwood, Linford, Shobley.	Miss P. M. Bain, 12, Winston Way, Ringwood. Tel: Ringwood 3992	DISTRICT NURSE/ MIDWIFE
Ringwood part, St. Leonards, St. Ives, Ashley, Harefield, Somerley, Waltham Estate, Nea Heath.	Miss A. M. Hill, Ferndale, St. Ives, Ringwood. Tel: Ringwood 3196	DISTRICT NURSE/ MIDWIFE
Relief work in Ringwood and Fordingbridge area.	Mrs. J. L. Street, The Bungalow, Hangersley, Ringwood. Tel: Ringwood 3928	RELIEF DISTRICT NURSE/MIDWIFE
Attached to Drs. Howard and Wood. Also unattached work in Burley.	Mrs. A. M. Powell, Sandy Shoot Cottage, Honey Lane, Burley. Tel: Burley 3385	DISTRICT NURSE/ MIDWIFE AND HEALTH VISITOR
Bransgore, Sopley, Ripley, Avon, Godwinscroft, Waterditch, Neacroft, Burton, Winkton	Miss H. M. Winder, 2, Meyrick Close, Bransgore, Christchurch. Tel: Bransgore 505	DISTRICT NURSE/ MIDWIFE AND HEALTH VISITOR
Patients of Drs. Downes and Matthes in Ringwood, St. Leonards, St. Ives, (Patients of Drs. Holman and Withey in Ringwood) and unattached work in this area.	Miss R. E. P. Owen, Nurse's Cottage, Campden House, Burley. Tel: Burley 3370	HEALTH VISITOR
Patients of Drs. Kitchen & Dean in Ringwood, St. Leonards, St. Ives, (Patients of Drs. Holman & Withey, St. Leonards & St. Ives) and unattached work in this area.	Mrs. E. E. Arnold, 17, Kingsway, Ferndown, Dorset. Tel: Ferndown 3318	HEALTH VISITOR
Attached to practice of Drs. Carr, Wyatt and Scott-Jupp and also unattached work in Christchurch west, Hurn, North Kingston, N. Ripley, Bisterne.	Miss D. Hayes, 61, Baring Road, Southbourne, Bournemouth. Tel: B'mouth 47334	HEALTH VISITOR



### 3. Home Help Service

The Home Help Service is under the local administration of the District Health Sub-Committee.

The Divisional Organiser is Mrs. M. Bowler, 12, Empress Road, Lyndhurst. Telephone: Lyndhurst 2762.

### 4. Child Health Clinics

<i>Clinic</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Time</i>
Breamore	Woodgreen Hall	First Thursday in month at 2.30 p.m.
Fordingbridge	Victoria Rooms	First and Third Tuesdays in month at 2.30 p.m.
Ringwood	Conway Hall	Every Wednesday at 2.30 p.m.
St. Leonards	District Hall	Fourth Tuesday in month at 2.30 p.m.
Bransgore	Village Hall	Second and Fourth Fridays in month at 2.30 p.m.
Burley	Myrtle Hall	Second and Fourth Wednesdays in month at 2.30 p.m.

### 5. School Health Services

School medical inspections are carried out periodically by Assistant County Medical Officers and Health Visitors.

Special clinics are held at the County Council Health Clinic, Christchurch, and at the County Council Dental Clinic in Ringwood.

### 6. Smallpox Vaccination

Treatment is principally carried out by family doctors but is also available at Child Health Clinics. Records for children up to the age of 16 are maintained by your Medical Officer of Health on behalf of the County Medical Officer. Treatment is free, but family doctors normally charge for certificates of vaccination.

Number of Vaccination Record Cards received during 1968.

AGE	<i>Months</i>				<i>Years</i>			<i>Total</i>
	0-3	3-6	6-9	9-12	1 yr.	2-4	5-15	
Primary Vaccinations	—	—	1	3	149	76	19	248
Re-Vaccinations	—	—	—	—	—	5	53	58

## 7. Immunisation against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus and Poliomyelitis

Treatment is carried out by family doctors and at Child Health Clinics and schools. Records are at present maintained by your Medical Officer of Health on behalf of the County Medical Officer, but will eventually be transferred to the County computer.

A good response to immunisation has been maintained.

Type of Vaccine	Year of Birth					Others under 16	Total
	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964-61		
<b>Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus</b>							
Primary . . . . .	60	153	7	4	5	—	229
Re-inforcing . . . . .	—	30	111	21	102	25	289
<b>Diphtheria-Tetanus</b>							
Primary . . . . .	—	—	1	—	7	9	17
Re-inforcing . . . . .	—	2	6	3	233	306	550
<b>Diphtheria only</b>							
Primary . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Re-inforcing . . . . .	—	—	—	—	1	1	2
<b>Poliomyelitis</b>							
Primary . . . . .	51	196	12	7	19	8	283
Re-inforcing . . . . .	—	17	74	11	335	58	495

## 8. Measles Vaccination

In the early part of the year the Ministry of Health accepted a recommendation of the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation that Measles Vaccination with a live attenuated vaccine should be made available for children up to age 15.

In the first place supplies of vaccine were limited and were reserved for children between the ages of 4 and 7 and for children at Day Nurseries and Nursery Schools from age one. Later, as supplies increased, the whole age range was covered.

Vaccination sessions were arranged in schools and day nurseries and in addition family doctors treated children at their surgeries. A good response was obtained and at the time of writing it is apparent that vaccination has already had a considerable effect on the epidemiological patterns of the disease. In what should have been a "measles year" the expected outbreak has not occurred locally and nationally measles notifications have reached no more than one-fifth of the expected numbers.

1968	1967	1966	1965	1964-61	Under 16	Total
—	16	28	52	277	22	395



## WATER SUPPLIES

The District is supplied with water from the mains of the West Hampshire Water Company whose principal works are in the Borough of Christchurch, where the supply is taken from the River Avon. In 1957 the Company developed an additional source from deep boreholes in the chalk at Hale Park and this now supplies most of this District. The borehole water is subjected to marginal chlorination and is treated to remove excess dissolved carbon dioxide and iron.

Raw and treated waters from the Hale bores are examined twice a week at the Company's own water testing laboratory which is in charge of a qualified chemist and bacteriologist. In addition, periodic samples are sent to an outside laboratory.

During the year 20 samples of water were taken from sources of supply other than the mains; 11 of these were found to be unsatisfactory.

The following list gives the number of premises, in parishes, supplied with main water as noted in the Water Company's records:

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Separately assessed domestic dwellings</i>	<i>Approximate population supplied</i>
Martin . . . .	126	359
Rockbourne . . . .	151	430
Whitsbury . . . .	70	199
Breamore . . . .	104	296
Hale . . . .	182	518
Woodgreen . . . .	193	550
Damerham . . . .	144	410
Fordingbridge . . . .	1842	5250
Harbridge and Ibsley . .	152	433
Ellingham . . . .	197	560
St. Leonards and St. Ives .	1403	4000
Ringwood . . . .	3432	9780
Burley . . . .	574	1635
Hurn . . . .	96	274
Sopley . . . .	294	838
Christchurch East . . .	1519	4330

Standpipes are installed at six cottages at Lower Daggons.

Typical samples of treated water from the Hale borehole show the following minor variations :

### Chemical results in parts per million

Appearance: Bright and clear.	Taste: Nil
Turbidity: Nil	Odour: Very Faint Chlorinous
Colour: Nil	Free Carbon Dioxide: 10—16
pH: 7.6—7.8	Total Solids: Nil
Electric Conductivity: 510	Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate:
Chlorine present as Chloride: 18—19	220—230
Hardness: Total 255—262	Carbonate: 220—225
Nitrate Nitrogen: 5.6—5.8	Non-carbonate: 34—36
Ammoniacal Nitrogen: 0.05—0.08	Nitrite Nitrogen: Absent
Albuminoid Nitrogen: 0.000	Oxygen Absorbed: 0.00—0.2
	Residual Chlorine: 0.2—0.33

Fluoride, Iron, Zinc, Copper, Lead — Absent

The bacteriological results are always entirely satisfactory.

## SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Stage IIa of the St. Leonards and St. Ives Scheme was completed in July 1968, together with works to connect Stage I to the Moors River Disposal Works. The final stage, less the Avon Castle section, was commenced in September.

The Bransgore scheme was completed in June.

The sewerage of Sandleheath, and extensions to the Fordingbridge Works, commenced in December.

Burley was programmed for 1969 but at the time of writing it seems likely that restrictions on capital expenditure will result in deferral.

## MILK AND DAIRIES

Milk production in the area is supervised by officials of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Retail Distribution is supervised by officers of this Council.

There is no pasteurising plant within the District.

The following table shows the number of registered Dairy Farmers in the District at the end of 1968.

	<i>Registered Producers</i>	<i>"Untreated milk" licence holders</i>
Martin . . . . .	6	—
Rockbourne . . . . .	9	—
Whitsbury . . . . .	2	—
Breamore . . . . .	10	1
Hale . . . . .	8	—
Woodgreen . . . . .	3	1
Damerham . . . . .	4	—
Fordingbridge . . . . .	28	1
Harbridge and Ibsley . . . . .	10	1
Ellingham . . . . .	5	—
St. Leonards and St. Ives . . . . .	6	—
Ringwood . . . . .	21	2
Burley . . . . .	7	—
Hurn . . . . .	6	1
Sopley . . . . .	18	—
Christchurch East . . . . .	20	—
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The records show a small reduction in the number of registered producers.

The details have been kindly supplied by the Divisional Executive Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.



## SAMPLING OF FOOD AND DRUGS

The County Council is the sampling authority and the following report on sampling within this District has been kindly supplied by Mr. J. S. Preston, Chief Sampling Officer.

During the year ended 31st March, 1969, 125 samples were procured under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, within the area of the Ringwood and Fordingbridge Rural District Council.

### Milk Samples

93 samples of milk, including eight of "Channel Islands," were obtained, three being unsatisfactory. Two were slightly deficient in fat but due to natural causes and not involving offences. The results were, however, made known to the producers concerned. The third sample contained 0.2 international units per millilitre of antibiotics, stated as penicillin, and in view of the relatively high rate of contamination, proceedings were instituted. These resulted in the defendant producer being fined £20 and ordered to pay costs amounting to £17.16.0.

### Miscellaneous Samples

32 samples of articles other than milk were obtained, one being the subject of an adverse report. This was a sample of Dried Bananas, the carton of which bore a statement that one pound of the dried commodity was equivalent to  $8\frac{1}{2}$  pounds of fresh bananas. The claim was found not to be justified, the correct equivalent being  $5\frac{1}{2}$  pounds. The matter was referred to the manufacturer, who attributed the mistatement to a printing error and agreed to make immediate amendment.

### General

In addition to the samples taken under the Food and Drugs Act, the usual attention was given to the labels and descriptions of food and drugs under the provisions of the Labelling of Food Order and the Pharmacy and Medicines Act. No discrepancies of consequence occurred.

The results obtained during the first year of the recent programme of sampling of foodstuffs for pesticide residues indicated a satisfactory situation in the County area. The full results for the second year are not yet available.

## FOOD AND FOOD PREMISES

The systematic survey of food premises continues: 9 were inspected for the first time and 40 re-inspections were made. The general standard remains satisfactory.



## HOUSING

41 Council houses were completed during the year and there was a slight reduction in the waiting list for Council houses.

There was a considerable increase in the number of private houses constructed.

The survey of unfit houses continues; 56 houses were inspected, 8 unfit houses were demolished and 26 were made fit by formal or informal action.

No. on Housing Waiting List 31.12.68:	368
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No. of Council houses completed in 1968:	41
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No. of Private houses completed in 1968:	279
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Dwellings administered by the Council at 31.12.68:

Permanent houses:	1,416
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Prefabs:	18
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## PROBLEM FAMILIES MEETINGS

Two meetings of the co-ordinating committee were held. There has been an appreciable reduction in the number of families under discussion.

## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948: SECTION 47:

One old man was admitted to a County Council old people's home in December as the result of a Section 47 Order.

A further case was seriously considered for action but the position was resolved by the patient becoming ill and being admitted to hospital where she subsequently died.

## HURN AIRPORT:

Passenger traffic increased to 37,959 during the year, almost double the previous year but this was due largely to the one scheduled service operating throughout the year, instead of for only part of the previous year. It is anticipated that the purchase of the airport by Dorset and Bournemouth will result in increased usage.

The airport continued in use for charter flights, flight testing and flying training. The Air Traffic Control School remains in operation.

Dr. Cauchi and myself remain on call for emergency port health duties. Only one aircraft arrived from an infected area.

## PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

The only public swimming bath in the District is the open air pool at Ringwood which is run by the Parish Council and which was fully described in the 1959 report. The water is drawn from the mains and is continuously circulated, filtered and chlorinated.

12 samples from the pool were subjected to laboratory examination with satisfactory results on each occasion.

## GENERAL REMARKS:

The health of the District was satisfactory throughout the year.

The incidence of notifiable infectious disease was low. The Measles notified were a carry-over from the outbreak of the previous year and occurred prior to the introduction of Measles Vaccination in the early summer.

The estimated mid-year population rose by 540 to 30,420—double the increase of the previous year.

The birth rate rose slightly, reversing the trend of recent years.

The infant mortality rate rose and was the highest since 1962.

The number of deaths increased by 35 to 495. Deaths exceeded births by 85. 53% of all deaths were inhabitants over the age of 75. A record number of deaths resulted from lung cancer.

Continued progress was made with slum clearance.

Further steady progress has been made with sewerage schemes throughout the District.

In conclusion, I wish again to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council for their kindness and consideration, my colleagues in other departments for their advice and assistance, and in particular Mr. Upstone and his Staff for their pleasant co-operation.

D. J. N. McNab

JUNE, 1969.

Medical Officer of Health

## FACTORIES ACT, 1961

### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1968 FOR THE RURAL DISTRICT OF RINGWOOD AND FORDINGBRIDGE

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration  
of the Factories Act, 1961

#### Part I of the Act

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors):

<i>Premises</i>	<i>Number on Register</i>	<i>Number of</i>		
		<i>Inspec- tions</i>	<i>Written notices</i>	<i>Occupiers prosecuted</i>
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities . . . . .	13	—	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority . . . . .	127	2	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) .	—	—	—	—
TOTAL . . . . .	140	2	—	—

## 2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND :

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	—	—	—	—	—
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective lighting	2	1	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	2	1	—	—	—

**Part VIII of the Act**  
**OUTWORK (Sections 133 and 134)**

Nature of Work	SECTION 133			SECTION 134		
	No. of outworkers in August list required by Section 133 (1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing Apparel: Making, etc.	4	—	—	—	—	—
Cleaning and Washing	—	—	—	—	—	—
Household Linen	2	—	—	—	—	—
Plastic articles	11	—	—	—	—	—
Woodware	1	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	18	—	—	—	—	—





RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF  
RINGWOOD AND FORDINGBRIDGE

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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Chief Public Health Inspector  
and Surveyor

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FOR THE YEAR

1968





Public Offices,

May, 1969

Ringwood.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE RURAL DISTRICT  
COUNCIL OF RINGWOOD AND FORDINGBRIDGE

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Report as your Chief Public Health Inspector and Surveyor dealing with the work carried out by my Department during the year 1968.

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Ringwood Sewerage . . . . .	46
Fordingbridge Sewerage . . . . .	22
Burton and Winkton Sewerage . . . . .	3
Bransgore and Thorneyhill Sewerage . . . . .	16
St. Leonards and St. Ives Sewerage . . . . .	17
Bransgore and Thorneyhill Sewerage, Capital Works . . . . .	50
St. Leonards and St. Ives Sewerage, Capital Works . . . . .	91
Other Sewerage Schemes, Capital Works . . . . .	1
Trade Effluent . . . . .	3
Cesspool Exhausting . . . . .	71
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Miscellaneous . . . . .	67
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## HOUSING

### Slum Clearance

56 houses were inspected and reports made to the Housing Committee in respect of 12 dwellings unfit for human habitation and not capable of being made fit at reasonable expense. 8 dwellings were demolished and 2 made fit, and a further 24 made fit as a result of informal action.

The following summary shows the number of dwellings dealt with by demolition, closing and repair under the Housing and Public Health Acts since the Slum Clearance Campaign commenced in 1956:—

	<i>Total</i>					
	1968	1967	1966	1961-65	1956-60	1956-1968
1. Houses in respect of which Demolition Orders made	7	16	13	66	73	175
2. Houses in respect of which Closing Orders made	4	3	5	15	6	33
3. Houses included in Clearance Areas . . . . .	—	—	2	6	20	28
4. Unfit houses closed on Undertakings . . . . .	3	6	—	—	39	48
5. Houses on which Undertakings to Make Fit accepted . . . . .	—	—	—	5	10	15
6. Houses demolished . . . . .	8	21	21	70	43	163
7. Houses made fit by Formal Action . . . . .	2	4	2	30	18	56
8. Houses made fit by Informal Action . . . . .	24	48	49	281	164	566

At the end of 1968 Orders and Undertakings were outstanding on 101 dwellings as follows:—

Demolition Orders . . . . .	56
Closing Orders . . . . .	22
Clearance Orders . . . . .	1
Undertakings to Keep Vacant . . . . .	22

Four hundred and twenty nine visits and inspections were made.

### Rent Act, 1957

No Statutory action was taken under this Act.



## Rent Act, 1965

This Act, which came into force on the 8th December, 1965, introduced, inter alia, "regulated tenancies", provided protection against harassment and eviction of tenants and occupiers, and gave special protection to agricultural workers in tied cottages; it is administered by the County Council.

## Improvements and Conversions

The making of Discretionary Improvement Grants, suspended in January, 1965, as a result of the then financial situation, was not re-commenced, but it was agreed in principle to offer Grants to the Trustees of the Quadrant Almshouses, Fordingbridge, in respect of the conversion of six Almshouses into eight flats.

Since the inception of the Scheme in 1951, 226 applications have been approved for 279 units of accommodation. At the 31st December, 1968, the total amount paid in Discretionary Grants, allowing for Grants withdrawn or repaid, amounted to £79,478, the total amount approved by the Council being £82,987.

Three visits and inspections were made.

52 preliminary enquiries were received in respect of Standard Grants; 31 applications were approved, the total possible maximum Grant involved being £5,719 10s. 0d. Two requests that the Council fix a rent in excess of the limit imposed by Section 20 of the Rent Act, 1957, were refused, as the dwellings were subject to controlled tenancies. 378 Standard Grants have been approved since the introduction of the Scheme in June, 1959. At the 31st December, 1968, the total amount paid, allowing for Grants withdrawn or repaid, amounted to £36,663 3s. 1d., the total amount approved being £59,541 0s. 0d.

One hundred and sixty four visits and inspections were made.

## CARAVAN SITES AND MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

### Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960

The following table gives the position at the end of 1968:—

	<i>No. of Sites</i>	<i>No. of Caravans</i>
Sites with permanent Planning permission and site licences for residential caravans (including sites with 100 and 220 caravans)	51	521
Sites with permanent Planning permission and site licences for holiday caravans (including sites with 70, 90, 124 and 265 caravans)	8	652
Sites with temporary Planning permission and site licences	50	61
Sites subject to Enforcement Notices	3	3

Applications for site licences were refused in 25 instances where Planning permission had been refused.

Legal proceedings were authorised in 3 cases; in one the prosecution was successful and the occupier fined, another is pending, and in the other proceedings were deferred for a year owing to the personal circumstances of the occupant. A case authorised but not settled in 1967 was dropped, where the contravention had ceased, and another was successfully prosecuted and the occupants fined.

There is one site in the District with 60 caravans, run by the Caravan Club, where a licence is not in force as it is covered by a Certificate of Exemption; these Certificates are issued by the Minister of Housing and Local Government to certain organisations where he is satisfied that their objects include the encouragement or promotion of recreational activities; a further 6 sites, each limited to a maximum of 5 caravans at any one time, are also without licences as they are Certificated by this or another Exempted Organisation. 2 sites in Ringwood, with 6 and 2 caravans respectively, being part of or adjoining land on which building or civil engineering operations are being carried out, are also exempted from licensing.

The Council's own Caravan Site at North Poulner Road, Ringwood, opened in April, 1966, has standings for 96 residential and 2 itinerant caravans.

5 families are accommodated at The Gravel Pit, Godshill, a site leased in 1962 by the Council and reserved for the use of gypsies, travellers and the like.

The Forestry Commission caravanning and camping site at Holmsley Airfield has accommodation for a population of 2,000 (500 caravans and 250 tents).

Six hundred and ninety six visits and inspections were made.

### **Public Health Act, 1936, Section 269**

3 licences to use moveable dwellings were renewed; all expire on the 31st December, 1968, and all sites have Planning permission or existing use rights.

1 licence was issued for the use of a camping site for 60 tents; there are now 6 licensed sites in the District, with a total of 495 tents. Sites cannot be controlled under this Section if used for less than 42 consecutive days or less than 60 days in any one year.

Fifty seven visits and inspections were made.

### **REHABILITATION CENTRE**

No further families from the County Council Centre at Thorneyhill were re-housed during the year; since August, 1964, when the Centre was opened, the Council has re-housed 3 families at Brick Lane and Whitelands. It was agreed that re-housing of the remaining families should be carried out as expeditiously as possible so that the Centre could be run down and closed.



## GYPSY CAMPS

Continued efforts were made to move the two remaining families from the site at Millersford Bottom, Woodgreen, who steadfastly refuse to go into the Rehabilitation Centre; the County Council is purchasing the site compulsorily but completion cannot take place until the site is vacated. It was agreed between the Council, the County Welfare Department and the owners of The Gravel Pit, Godshill, that one family could move there early in 1969 and that if a trial period with supervision by the County Welfare Worker proved satisfactory the remaining family should also be accommodated there.

Millersford Bottom is the last remaining gypsy camp within the District.

5 caravans occupied by gypsy families, who had come from Marlborough, were found stationed on land at Grim's Ditch, Martin. Proceedings were authorised against the landowner, a Bournemouth man, who arranged for the caravans to be towed off the site on to the highway, from whence they were immediately re-positioned by the occupiers on an adjoining piece of land but were again towed off, and eventually left the District. The County Council was asked to approach the Dorset and Wiltshire County Councils regarding the formulation of a joint policy for the establishment of permanent sites for itinerant gypsies.

Since 1949 this Council has housed a total of 62 families of gypsies or those with gypsy backgrounds.

Twelve visits and inspections were made.

## NUISANCES AND COMPLAINTS

107 complaints were received during the year, which involved a total of eight hundred and forty one visits. Details are as follows:—

	<i>Complaints received</i>	<i>Number of visits</i>
Insanitary conditions . . . . .	11	21
Unsatisfactory and insufficient water supplies . . . . .	1	3
Noise . . . . .	8	76
Dust, effluvia or smoke . . . . .	5	20
Fly and other infestations . . . . .	3	36
Offensive smells . . . . .	16	163
Offensive accumulations . . . . .	10	38
Offensive and obstructed ditches . . . . .	8	15
Cesspools and drains . . . . .	18	357
Flooding and surface water drainage . . . . .	9	34
Food . . . . .	6	30
Animals . . . . .	3	9
Miscellaneous . . . . .	9	39

## PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936

Statutory action under this Act was taken as follows:—

<b>Section 39</b>		
Requiring the satisfactory provision of drainage to existing buildings.	1 Notice served.	
	1 Notice complied with.	
<b>Section 50</b>		
Requiring works to remedy leaking or overflowing cesspools.	1 Notice served.	
	1 Notice complied with.	
<b>Section 89</b>		
Requiring the provision of sanitary accommodation in refreshment houses	1 Notice served.	
	1 Notice complied with.	
<b>Section 92</b>		
Requiring the abatement of a nuisance.	2 Notices served.	
	2 Notices complied with.	

Works to comply with the Section 39 Notice were carried out by the Council in default; payment was subsequently made by the owner.

Informal action was taken as follows:—

<b>Section 39</b>		
Requiring the satisfactory provision of drainage to existing buildings.	1 Notice served.	
	3 outstanding Notices complied with.	
<b>Section 50</b>		
Requiring works to remedy leaking or overflowing cesspools.	19 Notices served.	
	13 Notices complied with.	
	2 outstanding Notices complied with.	
<b>Section 58</b>		
Dangerous or dilapidated buildings or structures.	2 Notices served.	
	2 Notices complied with.	
	2 outstanding Notices complied with.	
<b>Section 60</b>		
Means of escape from fire in the case of certain high buildings.	2 Notices served.	
<b>Section 89</b>		
Requiring the provision of sanitary accommodation in refreshment houses	1 Notice served.	
	1 Notice complied with.	
<b>Sections 92/94</b>		
Requiring the abatement of a nuisance.	5 Notices served.	
	2 Notices complied with.	
<b>Section 259</b>		
Requiring the abatement of a nuisance in connection with water-courses, ditches, ponds etc.	9 Notices served.	
	6 Notices complied with.	
	11 outstanding Notices complied with.	

Sixty six visits and inspections were made under various Sections of this Act.



## CLEAN AIR ACT

No Statutory action was taken under this Act.

1 informal Notice was served.

Ten visits and inspections were made.

## WATER SUPPLIES

20 samples of water were collected for bacteriological examination.

No Statutory action was taken.

Forty eight visits and inspections were made.

## SWIMMING BATH

12 samples were collected from the public Swimming Pool at Ringwood for bacteriological examination.

Sixteen visits and inspections were made.

## MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Forty nine visits and inspections were made.

### Slaughter of Animals Act

Under the provisions of the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958, 6 slaughtermen's licences were renewed. Licensees are permitted to slaughter horses, asses and mules within this local authority's District only, and swine, cattle, sheep and goats in any District.

One knacker's yard licence was renewed.

## FOOD AND DRUGS

6 complaints were investigated with a view to prosecution under Sections 2 or 113 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955. After careful consideration the Council decided to institute proceedings in respect of four cases, namely:—

Pork pie containing mould;  
Cherry Madeira cake containing mould;  
Banbury cake containing foreign object; and  
Steak and kidney pie containing mould.

Three of these prosecutions were successful and resulted in the defendants being fined, and the other is pending.

### Food Hygiene

9 premises were initially inspected and 40 premises re-inspected under the Food Hygiene Regulations; 22 informal Notices were served.

The following table shows action taken since the Regulations came into operation:—

	1968	1967	1966	1961-1965	1956-1960
Premises inspected . . .	9	14	13	113	236
Informal Notices served . . .	22	23	32	187	172
Notices complied with . . .	28	36	72	233	25

Legal proceedings under the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960, were authorised but works were satisfactorily carried out before the case came to Court; proceedings were also authorised against a stall-holder in Ringwood Market for persistent contravention of several of the Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations, 1966, and the case is pending.

4 applications for registration of premises for the storage and sale of ice-cream and 1 in respect of premises for the preparation or manufacture of sausages or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food intended for sale were approved.

6 samples of ice-cream were taken and submitted for bacteriological examination; satisfactory results were obtained in all but one case, where sterilisation of equipment had proved faulty.

Eight hundred and fifty inspections were made in connection with food premises as follows:—

	<i>No. on Register</i>	<i>No. of Inspections</i>
Food Shops . . . . .	159	57
Bakehouses . . . . .	6	8
Restaurant Kitchens . . . . .	102	42
Ice-cream Premises (Section 16) . . . . .	115	18
Preserved Food Premises (Section 16) . . . . .	20	6
Licensed Premises and Registered Clubs . . . . .	103	23
Market Stalls . . . . .		594
Other Stalls . . . . .		96
Mobile Vans . . . . .		5
General . . . . .		1

### **Watercress Beds**

Three visits and inspections were made.

### **MILK AND DAIRIES**

No legal proceedings were instituted under the various Regulations.

Seventeen visits and inspections were made.

### **Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959**

These Regulations require the Council to keep a Register of persons carrying on the trade of milk distributor at or from premises within the District and also of premises used as dairies, other than dairy farms.

Number of Registered Distributors . . . . .	41
Number of Registered Dairies . . . . .	7

### **Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1963**

### **Milk (Special Designation) (Amendment) Regulations, 1965**

The following Dealer's (Pre-Packed Milk) Licences have been issued under these Regulations, and will expire on the 31st December, 1970.

Licences to sell Pasteurised Milk . . . . .	40
Licences to sell Untreated Milk . . . . .	4
Licences to sell Sterilised Milk . . . . .	12
Licences to sell Ultra-Heat Treated Milk . . . . .	3



The Council exercised the functions of the County Council in connection with the issue of licences to dealers.

8 samples of milk were taken and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for biological examination, phosphatase, methylene blue and turbidity tests; all were satisfactory.

## OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

This Act makes provision for the safety, health and welfare of persons employed in such premises. 276 premises are registered and 223 Notices have been served, of which 188 have been complied with. 1 notification of a non-fatal accident was received.

No Statutory action was taken.

Two hundred and one visits and inspections were made.

## FACTORIES ACT

Number on Register	.	.	.	.	.	140
Inspections made—Factories	.	.	.	.	.	19
Outworkers	.	.	.	.	.	3

The Council is responsible for enforcing the provisions relating to sanitary conveniences in all factories, and the provisions dealing with cleanliness, overcrowding, temperature, ventilation and drainage of floors in those factories not using machine power.

1 informal Notice was served.

## SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT, 1964

This Act requires scrap metal dealers to be registered with the local authority in whose area they carry on business; registrations are valid for three years; 5 dealers registered during the year.

Three visits and inspections were made.

## NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Thirty five visits and inspections were made.

## Food Poisoning

Five visits and inspections were made.

## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

The Council exercised their powers under Section 50 of this Act to effect the disposal of two bodies where it was not possible to trace any immediate relatives to make the necessary funeral arrangements or there were no funds available. The costs in one case were charged to the estate.

Two visits were made.

## PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The following summary shows the work carried out during the year. A total of two thousand, nine hundred and ninety seven visits and inspections was made.

	<i>Non-agricultural premises</i>	<i>Agricultural premises</i>
Number of properties in the District . . . . .	11,389	800
Number of properties inspected as a result of notification	435	76
Number of these properties found to be infested by:—		
(a) Rats . . . . .	239	66
(b) Mice . . . . .	80	37
Number of properties inspected as a result of survey under the Act . . . . .	2,151	44
Number of these properties found to be infested by:—		
(a) Rats . . . . .	217	25
(b) Mice . . . . .	91	19
Total number of inspections made by Rodent Opera- tive, including re-inspections . . . . .	2,860	121

3 informal Notices were served.

The Liaison Committee on Pest Control meets at six-monthly intervals to discuss rodent control problems and pests generally. The area covered by the Committee consists of the District of Bournemouth County Borough, the Boroughs of Christchurch and Lymington, and the Rural Districts of the New Forest and Ringwood and Fordingbridge.

### ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

This Act prohibits the keeping of boarding establishments for cats or dogs except under licence granted by a local authority, to which conditions are attached and for which a fee not exceeding £2. 0s. 0d. per annum may be charged.

15 licences were issued, involving a total of 531 dogs and 140 cats.

Nineteen visits and inspections were made.

### PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

This Act provides for the welfare of pet animals exhibited for sale.

2 licences were issued.

Two visits and inspections were made.

### NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960

2 informal Notices regarding barking dogs and the use of a circular saw were served and complied with.

Two visits and inspections were made.

### CIVIC AMENITIES ACT, 1967

This Act makes provision, inter alia, for the orderly disposal of disused vehicles and equipment and other rubbish; it is now a statutory offence to abandon a motor vehicle, or any other thing brought there for the purpose, on any land in the open air (or on other land forming part of a highway) without lawful authority.



The Council may now collect and dispose of any article (other than a motor vehicle) in the open air believed to have been abandoned, and from the 27th July had a duty to remove and dispose of vehicles believed to have been abandoned; 11 vehicles were dealt with, the owners in 3 cases being untraceable. Under this Act the Police prosecuted 9 offenders for abandoning litter or motor vehicles, and were successful in 8 cases.

Forty three visits and inspections were made.

## SERVICES ADMINISTERED BY THE COUNCIL

	<i>Visits made</i>
Ringwood Sewerage . . . . .	46
Fordingbridge Sewerage . . . . .	22
Burton and Winkton Sewerage . . . . .	3
Bransgore and Thorneyhill Sewerage . . . . .	16
Bransgore and Thorneyhill Sewerage, Capital Works . . . . .	70
St. Leonards and St. Ives Sewerage . . . . .	17
St. Leonards and St. Ives Sewerage, Capital Works . . . . .	91
Fordingbridge and Sandleheath Sewerage, Capital Works . . . . .	1
Cesspool Exhausting . . . . .	71
Trade Effluent . . . . .	3
Surface Water Drainage . . . . .	187
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Public Conveniences . . . . .	164
Car Parks . . . . .	22
Ditching . . . . .	10
Street Name Plates . . . . .	17
Street Numbering . . . . .	500
Cattle Pound . . . . .	1
Miscellaneous . . . . .	3

## SEWERAGE

The Council re-considered a report I prepared in 1967 regarding sewerage in the District generally, with recommendations as to future programming, but decided that in view of the present commitments no further Schemes should be contemplated until work on the Burley Scheme was in progress.

The installation of a V.H.F. Radiotelephone/Sewage Pumping Station High Level Warning System at an estimated cost of £6,000 was agreed in principle; there will be radio communication between 10 pumping stations and 4 vehicles via a central control at the Public Offices, and night monitor receivers in the homes of 2 officers. Other pumping stations, as and when built, can be connected to the warning system.

## Ringwood

During the year 159 premises were connected to the sewer, making a total at 31st December of 2,624, including 596 Council houses.

The recorded flow of sewage passing through the Works during the year was 152,472,000 gallons, the highest daily flow of 906,000 gallons being recorded in December and the lowest, 308,000 gallons, in March. All samples of effluent examined were satisfactory.



The present sludge load at the Sewage Disposal Works is such that cold digestion is inefficient, and the Council agreed to the conversion of the sludge digestion tank from cold to hot at an estimated cost of £18,000, which the Ministry approved, and instructions were accordingly given to the Consulting Engineers to prepare a scheme.

### **Fordingbridge**

During the year 65 premises were connected to the sewer, making a total at 31st December of 896, including 255 Council houses.

3 lengths of sewer, approximately 240ft., 130ft. and 175ft., laid by private developers and serving 9, 6 and 10 dwellings respectively, were satisfactorily completed and taken over as public sewers.

52,628,000 gallons of sewage, including re-circulation, were dealt with at the Sewage Disposal Works during the year. Highest daily flow, 256,000 gallons, was recorded on the 23rd December and the lowest, 93,000 gallons, on the 16th November. All samples of effluent taken by the Avon and Dorset River Authority were satisfactory.

The Ministry of Housing and Local Government requested the Council to review the proposed Sandleheath Sewerage Scheme in the light of the increased necessity to restrict capital expenditure, and suggested that the normal remedial action available to local authorities could suffice for a rather longer period, but I advised that the sewerage of Sandleheath was urgently necessary, as were the alterations and extensions to the Fordingbridge Sewage Disposal Works. The Ministry subsequently agreed to tenders being invited, a tender of £81,417. 6s. 11d. was accepted and works commenced on the 30th December, the contract period being 18 months.

### **Burton and Winkton**

During the year 29 premises were connected to the sewer, making a total at 31st December, of 492, including 163 Council houses.

### **Bransgore and Thorneyhill**

This Scheme, for which a tender of £241,273. 18s. 11d. was accepted, commenced in May, 1966, and was completed sufficiently to allow connections to the sewers to be made on the 17th June.

428 premises were connected to the new sewers, including 100 Council houses.

### **St. Leonards and St. Ives**

Stage IIA of the Scheme, being additional sewers to the west of Woolsbridge Road and works to connect Stage I to the Disposal Works of the Wimborne and Cranborne Rural District Council on the Moors River, for which a tender of £178,163. 19s. 10d. was accepted, and which was commenced in December, 1966, was completed in July and the sewers taken over; the completed sewers and Pumping Stations of Stage I, taken over in 1967, also became "live" and available for connections to be made thereto. A tender of £174,958. 7s. 11d. was accepted for the next Stage, being the remaining sewers draining to the west but excluding the Avon Castle area which will drain to the Ringwood Sewage Disposal Works, and work commenced early in September, the contract period being 18 months.

367 premises were connected to the new sewers, including 16 Council houses.

### **Burley**

This Scheme, estimated to cost £275,882, and designed to serve a population of 1,300, is programmed to commence in September, 1969, with completion in March, 1971. The Consulting Engineers proposed a re-routing of the trunk sewer to the Ringwood Disposal Works via the disused railway line, which would effect savings in capital outlay and eventual pumping costs, and they were instructed to prepare an amended Scheme for submission to the Ministry.

### **Exhausting of Cesspools and Septic Tanks**

During 1968 occupiers of 1,834 premises took advantage of this scheme, whereby the Council bears half the cost of exhausting cesspools and septic tanks of dwelling houses and business premises where sewers are not available, at a cost to the Council of £9,502. 13s. 3d., not including administrative expenses. This compares with 1,848 premises and £7,764 in 1967 and 1,833 premises and £6,692 in 1966, and should decrease sharply in 1969 with the new sewers now available.

### **SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE**

An order was given to the Avon and Dorset River Authority to carry out the agreed works for Clockhouse Stream (Bransgore surface water drainage) estimated to cost this Council £23,862, and works were commenced.

A tender of £1,770 was accepted for works to alleviate flooding at the Woolpack Inn, Sopley, to be carried out under the supervision of the Avon and Dorset River Authority, costs to be apportioned equally between this Council, the County Council and the Brewers concerned, and the contract was completed.

The Council agreed in principle to the improvement of Sweatford Water, Fordingbridge, between Moxham Mill and the disused railway line, for which the Avon and Dorset River Authority was requested to prepare a Scheme and which they estimated would cost £4,718; this will alleviate present flooding, and includes land proposed for development on the Fordingbridge Township Plan.

An approach was made to the County Council regarding a joint scheme, to which this Council has already agreed in principle, to deal with the long term problem arising from the lack of adequate surface water drainage in the North Poulner, Hangersley, Eastfield Lane and Crow areas of Ringwood, where extensive residential development is already taking place or will take place in the future.

### **PUBLIC CLEANSING**

The Council provides a collection of all household refuse weekly in the Parish of Ringwood and the Lighting Area of Fordingbridge, and fortnightly in all other areas. Dustbins are collected from within the curtilage of premises where the occupants produce a doctor's certificate of incapacity; in all other cases receptacles are required to be placed outside premises as near as practicable to the roadway along which the freighter proceeds.



The survey of dustbins was continued, involving a total of three hundred and six visits and inspections, and informal Notices served on the occupiers of dwellings where proper dustbins had not been provided. 4 Statutory Notices were subsequently served under Section 75 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

70,035 cubic yards of refuse was collected throughout the District and disposed of at the Dump at Verwood Road, Somerley, compared with 66,474 and 60,546 cubic yards in 1967 and 1966 respectively.

The refuse collection vehicles covered a total mileage of 52,484 during the year, compared with 48,349 in 1967 and 46,568 in 1966.

The following schedule shows collection days throughout the District during 1969:—

## WEEKLY SERVICE

<b>Parish of Ringwood (Lighting Area)</b>	<b>DAY</b>
Addison Square, Beechcroft Lane, Bickerley, Broadshard Lane, )	
Cadogan Road, Carvers Lane, Christchurch Road, The Close, )	
Cloughs Road, College Road, Collins Lane, Coniston Road, )	
Coxstone Lane, Denholm Estate, Deweys Lane, Duck )	
Island Lane, Eastfield Court, Eastfield Lane, East )	
View Road, Ebenezer Lane, Edwina Close, Elmsdown )	
Court, Fairlie, Fairlie Park, Fieldway, Forestside Gardens, )	
Fridays Cross, Gipsy Lane, Gorley Road, Gravel Lane, )	
Green Lane, Guy's Close, Hampton Drive, High Street, High- )	
field Avenue, Highfield Drive, Highfield Road, Hightown Road, )	
Hiltom Road, Hurst Corner, Hurst Road, Keppel's Close, )	
Kings Arms Lane, Kingsbury Lane, Linden Court, Linden )	
Gardens, Link Road, London Tavern Triangle, Lumby Drive, )	Every Monday
Lynes Lane, Manor Court, Manor Road, Market Place, Meadow )	
Close, Meadow Road, Meadow Way, Meeting House Lane, )	
Merryweather Estate, Middle Lane, Middleton Road, Morant )	
Road, Mount Park, Mount Pleasant, New Road, New )	
Street, North Poulner Road, Northfield Road, North- )	
umberland Court, Nursery Road, Oak Lane, Orchard )	
Close, Parsonage Barn Lane, Poplar Crescent, Poplar )	
Way, Poulner Park, Pound Close, Queensway, Quomp, )	
Redwood Close, Riverside, Salisbury Road, School Lane, )	
Seymour Road, Southampton Road, Southfield, Spittlefields, )	
Star Lane, Strides Lane, Top Lane, Wanstead Close, )	
West Street, Westbury Road, Winston Way, Woodford Close, )	
Woodstock Lane. )	
 <b>Parish of Ringwood (Non-Lighting Area)</b>	
The Bridges, Salisbury Road.	Every Monday
 <b>Parish of Ringwood (Lighting Area)</b>	
Wessex Estate, Wessex Road.	Every Tuesday
 <b>Parish of Ringwood (Non-Lighting Area)</b>	
Covering the areas of Poulner, Hangersley, Merryweather Farm, )	Every
Nouale Lane, Hightown, Hightown Gardens, Crow, Sandford, )	Tuesday
Kingston and Bisterne )	



**Parish of Fordingbridge (Lighting Area)**

Albion Road, Alexandra Road, Ashford Close, Ashford Road,	)	
The Bartons, Bartons Road, Bedford Close, Bowerwood Road,	)	
Bridge Street, Brympton Estate, Burnham Road, Church Street,	)	
Dudley Avenue, Green Lane, Hertford Close, High Street, Horse-	)	
port, Jubilee Close, Jubilee Road, Lower Bartons, Market Place,	)	Every
Merton Close, Orchard Gardens, Park Road, Parsonage Close,	)	Wednesday
Parsonage Lane, Penny's Lane, Picket Close, Provost Street,	)	
Roundhill, St. George's Road, Salisbury Road, Salisbury Street,	)	
Shaftesbury Street, South View, Southampton Road, The Square,	)	
Station Road, Victoria Road, Waverley Road, West Street,	)	
Whitsbury Road.	)	

**FORTNIGHTLY SERVICE**

	<b>DAY</b>
<b>Parishes of Ellingham and Harbridge and Ibsley</b>	Alternate Tuesdays
<b>Parish of Burley</b>	Alternate Tuesdays

**Parish of Fordingbridge (Non-Lighting Area)**

Comprising the areas of Bickton, Blissford, Frogham, Furze-	)	Alternate
hill, Hucklesbrook, Ogdens, Redbrook, Hungerford, Hyde and	)	Wednesdays
North Gorley.	)	

**Parish of Fordingbridge (Non-Lighting Area) and  
Parish of Rockbourne (Part)**

Comprising the areas of Godshill, Stuckton, Burgate, Sandle-	)	Alternate
heath, and all that part of the Parish of Rockbourne south	)	Wednesdays
of Rockbourne Lane comprising Brick Hill, The Marsh,	)	
Sandleheath and West Park.	)	

**Parishes of St. Leonards and St. Ives (Part)  
Hurn and Sopley (Part)**

Comprising the Parish of Hurn and all that part of the Parish of	)	
Sopley west of the River Avon and in the Parish of St. Leonards	)	
and St. Ives: Ashley, Ashley Drive Estate (part), A 31 from	)	
Horton Road to Boundary Lane (south side), Avon Avenue,	)	
Avon Castle, Birch Close, Birch Road, Braeside Road, Boundary	)	
Lane, Bushmead Drive, Cedar Avenue, Chapel Rise, The	)	
Chase, Cherry Tree Close, Egmont Drive, Fir Tree Close,	)	Alternate
Gainsborough Road, The Glade Estate, Grange Road,	)	Thursdays
Greenacres Close, Heather Close, Hill Way, Horton Road,	)	
Hurn Close, Hurn Lane, Hurn Road, Laurel Lane, Lions Lane,	)	
Lions Wood Estate, Malmesbury Road, Monkworthy Drive,	)	
Norris Close, Oaks Drive, Railway Drive, St. Ives Park, St. Ives	)	
Wood, St. Leonards Way, Struan Court, Struan Gardens,	)	
Warren Close, Warren Drive, Warren Lane, Webbs Close,	)	
Woolsbridge Road (Horton Road to Pine Drive).	)	

**Parish of Christchurch East (Part) and  
Parish of Sopley (Part)**

Comprising in the Parish of Christchurch East the areas of	)	
Beckley, Bransgore, Godwinscroft, Hinton, Holmsley South,	)	Alternate
Neacroft, Thorneyhill, Walkford and Waterditch, and in the	)	Thursdays
Parish of Sopley all that part of the Parish east of the River	)	
Avon.	)	

**Parish of St. Leonards and St. Ives (Part)**

Comprising A.31 from Horton Road to County Boundary (North side), Ashley Drive Estate (part), Beech Lane, The Close, Foxbury Road, Garden Road, Glenives Close, Knoll Gardens, Paddock Close, Pine Drive, Pinewood Road, Post Office Lane, St. Ives End Lane, Sandy Lane, School Lane, Strode Gardens, Wayside Road, Windsor Close, Woodlands Way and Woolsbridge Road (A.31 to Pine Drive). ) Alternate Fridays

**Parishes of Breamore, Hale, Martin and Woodgreen**

Alternate Fridays

**Parish of Christchurch East (Part)**

Comprising the areas of South, Middle and North Bockhampton, Burton, Holfleet, Staplecross, Winkton and Winkton Common. ) Alternate Fridays

**Parishes of Damerham, Rockbourne (Part) and Whitsbury**

Alternate Fridays

**Salvage**

Salvage sales, again owing to the weak state of the market, dropped to £602. 5s. 5d., against £627. 15s. 5d. in 1967 and £822. 1s. 11d. in 1966. No men are specially detailed for this work however, baling and sorting being carried out in spare periods after collection rounds are completed, and there would be no financial advantage if the service were discontinued. A further £331. 10s. 0d. was received from tradesmen for special collections of cardboard cartons, wrapping paper etc. The sum of £30. 9s. 5d. was paid to 22 workmen under the incentive bonus scheme.

Details of salvage sold are shown in the following summary:—

**Waste Paper**

		<i>Tons</i>	<i>Cwts.</i>	<i>Qtrs</i>	<i>Lbs</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Clean Newspaper	. .	144	7	2	0	343	1	9
Baled Wastepaper	. .	15	18	1	0	58	1	1
Baled Cardboard	. .	12	0	0	0	66	0	0
Mixed Wastepaper	. .	4	4	1	0	6	14	8

**Textiles**

Rags	. . . .	7	19	2	0	82	12	6
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**Metals**

Light Shearing	. . .		2	0	0		10	0
Irony Aluminium	. .		5	0	3		7	10
Mixed Cast/Steel	. . .	2	13	1	0		14	12
Irony Radiators	. . .		1	3	17		2	17
Braziery Copper	. . .		1	0	3		6	3
Irony Brass	. . .		2	0	7		9	5
Soft Lead	. . . .			1	16		1	9
Batteries	. . . .		3	0	2		3	6

187	18	0	20	£602	5	5
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## Street Cleansing

The Council carried out street cleansing in respect of some  $21\frac{3}{4}$  miles of publicly repairable roads in Ringwood and Fordingbridge as follows:—

	<i>Ringwood</i>	<i>Fordingbridge</i>	<i>Total</i>
Trunk Road . . .	1.48	—	1.48
Class I Roads . .	0.54	0.89	1.43
Class II Roads . .	1.90	1.29	3.19
Class III Roads . .	2.08	1.19	3.27
Unclassified . . .	9.74	2.60	12.34
	<hr/> 15.74	<hr/> 5.97	<hr/> 21.71

It has been the custom of the County Council to reimburse this Council for the entire annual cost of cleansing these roads (some £4,000) but early in the year the County stated that owing to the drastic economies they were being forced to adopt they were not proposing to pay for any street cleansing for the months of April, May and June, with the exception of the emptying of litter bins. This Council challenged the decision of the County Council, under Section 72(2) (b) of the Public Health Act, 1936 and appealed to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government to arbitrate in the matter, and a decision is still awaited.

## Litter

The Council operates a full-time litter collection service which besides the emptying of receptacles includes picking up litter dumped on verges and picnic spots. 39 receptacles are sited throughout the District; a further 1 was provided at the request of a Parish Council and 2 others at the request of a Chamber of Commerce. A contribution at the rate of £11 5s. 0d. per week in the summer months and £2 5s. 0d. per week in the winter is made by the County Council in respect of collections at lay-byes etc.

## STAFF — MANUAL WORKERS

The present labour force of 39 men employed by the Council is as follows:—

1	Foreman/Mechanic
1	Fitter
6	Drivers
13	Loaders
1	Dump Attendant
4	Street Sweepers
1	Litter Collector
2	Estate Maintenance Workers
1	Sewage Works Foreman
5	Sewage Workers
1	Rodent Operative
1	Gardener (part-time)
2	Car Park Attendants (part-time)

An agreement was negotiated by the National Joint Council for Local Authorities' Services (Manual Workers) for the basic wage rate to be increased by  $3\frac{1}{2}$ d. per hour from the 30th September, and this was implemented. The Joint Council also obtained extensions to the sickness pay scheme and annual leave entitlement, based on length of service.



## VEHICLES

The Council's fleet of vehicles consists of the following:—

<i>Vehicle</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Capacity</i>	<i>Purchased</i>
Shelvoke and Drewry Pakamatic Freighter	Refuse Collection	50 cu. yds.	April, 1966
Another	Refuse Collection	50 cu. yds.	Dec. 1965
Another	Refuse Collection	35 cu. yds.	April, 1963
Shelvoke and Drewry Freighter with power press	Refuse Collection	20 cu. yds.	May, 1961
Karrier Bantam Freighter	Refuse Collection	10 cu. yds.	Feb. 1961
Shelvoke and Drewry Freighter	Refuse Collection	16/18 cu. yds.	Jan. 1960
Another	Refuse Collection	16/18 cu. yds.	April, 1958
Commer Van	Housing Estate Maintenance	25 cwts.	July, 1966
Another	Rodent Control	5 cwts.	May, 1966
Another	Sewerage	10 cwts.	April, 1960
Another	Refuse Collection	10 cwts.	Jan. 1959
Ford Van	Permanent Housing and Sewage Disposal	5 cwts.	July, 1960
Another	Litter Collection	5 cwts.	Dec. 1952
Massey Ferguson Tractor	Ringwood Sewerage	—	April, 1966
Bray BL430 Tractor	Refuse Disposal	—	Feb. 1964
Fordson Major Tractor	Sewerage and Refuse Disposal	—	June, 1960

## CAR PARKS

The park at The Furlong, Ringwood, has accommodation for 226 cars, 13 lorries or coaches and 20 bicycles. A gravel track was laid and fencing and other works carried out at a cost of approximately £650 on the grassland adjoining this car park, which the Council have on licence from the County Council, and which provides temporary accommodation for an additional 300 cars; two attendants are employed on Wednesdays. It is anticipated that the Council will eventually be able to purchase the greater part of this grassland, when the A.31 Trunk Road proposals are finalised, to form a permanent extension.

Efforts were made to find suitable sites for car parking on the south side of Ringwood. An approach was made to the owner of a site on The Bickerley, who lodged a strong protest against such use, and negotiations were opened with British Rail regarding the disused railway track from Ringwood Station to the County boundary, part of which would be suitable for car parking.

At Roundhill, Fordingbridge, accommodation exists for 165 cars and 2 coaches, together with reserved areas for motor-cycles and bicycles. Negotiations to purchase land to the south of the High Street, which is scheduled in the Township Plan for car parking, continued.

## CATTLE POUND

No use was made of the pound during the year; before the fencing and gridding of the main Trunk Roads through the Forest, carried out in 1964, it was customary for up to 200 animals to be impounded annually.

## PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Decorating works were carried out to the conveniences at Fordingbridge and those at the car park, Ringwood, and major repairs and decorations, including the installation of "vandal proof" wash-hand basins (which description has proved inaccurate) to those in the Market Place, Ringwood, where the roof was badly affected by dry rot.

## STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

Schemes were prepared for naming and numbering one existing and one new estate, and for numbering an existing road; work is also in hand to number or re-number the whole of the Fordingbridge Lighting Area.

## STORAGE OF PETROLEUM SPIRIT, PETROLEUM MIXTURES AND CARBIDE OF CALCIUM

Number of premises on register	.	.	.	.	113	
Number of petroleum licences	.	.	.	.	117	(342,050 gallons)
Number of mixture licences	.	.	.	.	4	(17,900 gallons)
Number of carbide licences	.	.	.	.	1	(6,720 lbs.)
Number of new applications	.	.	.	.	1	(1,000 gallons)

Licence fees received during the year amounted to £477 4s. 0d.

Two hundred and two visits and inspections were made.

## BUILDING REGULATIONS

These Regulations, which came into operation on the 1st February, 1966, are uniform throughout the whole country.

Number of plans received	.	.	.	.	1,505
Number of plans approved	.	.	.	.	1,430
Number of plans rejected	.	.	.	.	47
Number of plans "no objection"	.	.	.	.	8
Number of plans withdrawn	.	.	.	.	20

Classification of deposited plans is as follows:—

137 plans in respect of 395 dwellings.
416 plans in respect of alterations and additions.
100 plans in respect of 100 garages.
751 plans in respect of 762 drainage works.
33 plans in respect of 34 agricultural buildings.
38 plans in respect of 40 miscellaneous buildings.
6 plans in respect of 6 factory buildings.
4 plans in respect of conversions resulting in 8 units of accommodation.
20 plans withdrawn.

Inspections made:—

Commencement	.	.	.	.	.	570
Foundations	.	.	.	.	.	858
Oversite	.	.	.	.	.	373
Damp proof courses	.	.	.	.	.	355
Water tests to drains	.	.	.	.	.	2,127
Completed works	.	.	.	.	.	758
Sewer connections	.	.	.	.	.	519
Contraventions	.	.	.	.	.	183
Miscellaneous	.	.	.	.	.	2,336
						<hr/> 8,079 <hr/>



**Contraventions:—**

Notices served under the Public Health Act, 1936:—

Section 39	. . . . .	1
Section 65	. . . . .	3
Informal	. . . . .	163

Legal proceedings were authorised in one case but not taken as works to rectify the contravention were carried out.

The Council has power to relax Regulations in certain cases, others must be referred to the Minister of Housing and Local Government; 3 such applications referred, regarding structural fire precautions to roofs, were all approved. The Council approved relaxations in 14 cases, relating to open spaces, chimneys and flues and dimensions of cesspools and septic tanks, and refused one application regarding guard rails to a stairway and landing; the applicant appealed to the Minister against this decision but the appeal was dismissed.

**NEW STREET BYELAWS**

6 plans were received and seven inspections made in connection with works of laying out new streets.

**PRIVATE STREET WORKS**

Hampton Drive, Seymour Road, Addison Square and Meadow Road, Ringwood, and a short cul-de-sac at Godshill, made up by the County Council in 1967, were taken over as highways maintainable at the public expense; phases I and II of Hightown Gardens, together with Bickerley Gardens, Ringwood, Brympton Estate and the Elmwood Avenue extension, Fordingbridge, all privately developed estates, were taken over, as was the Council's Spittlefields estate, Ringwood. Lions Lane, Woolsbridge Road, Laurel Lane, part of Sandy Lane and part of Windsor Close, St. Leonards, where sewer laying operations have been completed, have also been made up and taken over.

**FOOTPATHS**

No objection was raised to the extinguishment of a short length of footpath at Rockbourne, or the diversion of another owing to gravel workings, also at Rockbourne.

One visit was made.

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING**

Development applications are received by my Department, which also maintains the Planning Register and Planning Index Maps. Enquirers are advised on Planning matters generally and inspections made on behalf of the Planning Authority, to whom reports are furnished on known contraventions.

901 Planning applications were received, and one thousand one hundred and eighty two visits and inspections made.



A joint meeting of the Development Sub-Committee and the Public Health and General Purposes Committee was held to consider a schedule of objections to the Ringwood Draft Town Centre Map, published in November, 1967; it was agreed to support the Parish Council in their objection to the proposed new road through The Carvers sports ground, but that the objection to the proposed road through the site of the Regal Cinema should not be supported. The same Joint Committee considered the re-development of the Town Centre, and it was agreed that it might be appropriate for the Council to appoint Consultants to advise them, when the time was opportune, in dealings with Development Companies who had approached them with comprehensive re-development proposals for the Town Centre.

A joint Committee considered further the County Council's proposed South West Area Draft Country Policies, which are at the moment confidential.

The County Council was informed that this Council favoured further land at Sandleheath being zoned for light industrial development, but the County replied that in view of the fact that the Board of Trade was unlikely to issue an Industrial Development Certificate for this or any other land in Fordingbridge, no change was proposed in the adopted Township Plan. A tentative approach was made to British Rail regarding the purchase of the disused Station at Fordingbridge for light industrial use, but no further action taken when it was learned that they were already negotiating at a substantial figure with another interested party.

A revised draft Village Plan for Bransgore, received from the County Council and still in the confidential stage, was referred back to them with strong objections and a request for re-consideration.

## LOCAL AUTHORITIES (HISTORIC BUILDINGS) ACT, 1962

The Council were asked to re-consider their decision not to make a grant, in view of the economic situation, in respect of a property at Breamore, but adhered to their previous decision.

## DANGEROUS BUILDINGS

No Statutory action was taken. 2 informal Notices were served and complied with.

Eleven visits and inspections were made.

## TRUNK ROADS

The Minister of Transport confirmed the making of a compulsory purchase order in respect of land required for the improvement of Trunk Road A.31 from Poulner Hill to Picket Post; no objections were raised by the Council to a slight re-alignment of the eastern end of the Poulner Hill scheme. Works on the Ringwood/Bournemouth Spur Road are well advanced, the contract being due for completion in October, 1969.



## ROAD ACCIDENTS

A report on road accidents was received from the Chief Constable of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight each quarter, showing a total of 203 injury accidents and 305 casualties (19 fatal) in this Rural District for the year, compared with 190 and 283 with 6 fatal in the previous year, and giving a breakdown of causes, vehicles and fatal or non-fatal casualties in separate classes of road users.

## HOUSING SITES

The remaining twenty-one of the fifty-two houses on land adjoining the existing estate at Penny's Lane, Fordingbridge, for which a tender of £153,681 18s. 0d. was accepted, were completed; there are twenty-eight 3-bedroomed houses, sixteen 2-bedroomed houses, four 2-bedroomed bungalows and four 1-bedroomed flats, with twenty-eight garages. The contract for the erection of eight 3-bedroomed houses, eight 2-bedroomed houses, two 2-bedroomed bungalows and two 1-bedroomed bungalows on land adjoining the existing estate at Warnes Lane, Burley, for which a tender of £66,023 0s. 0d. was accepted and which commenced in September, 1967, was completed.

Planning consent was received for the re-development of the pre-fabricated bungalow site at Derritt Lane, Brangore, by the erection of six 3-bedroomed and four 2-bedroomed houses with ten garages. A tender of £45,237 12s. 5d. was accepted for this in one contract with the erection of four 1-bedroomed flats for aged persons at Brookside Road, Brangore, and work commenced in November. Work also commenced on the erection of four 3-bedroomed houses with four garages at the "Northovers" site, Damerham, for which a tender of £14,623 8s. 0d. was accepted.

Outline Planning consent was obtained for the erection of thirty-six old persons' flats and twenty garages in the rear gardens of Council dwellings at Albion Road/St. George's Road, Fordingbridge, to be erected in two stages, eighteen 1-bedroomed flats at Albion Road to be proceeded with in the first stage and to be included in the 1969 programme. A plot of land, 0.1 acres, adjoining Winston Way, Ringwood, was purchased and Planning permission obtained for the erection of a pair of 3-bedroomed houses, also to be included in the 1969 programme. Consent was obtained for the erection of eight houses, four flats and nineteen garages on the site of the pre-fabricated bungalows at Footners Lane, Burton, and an outline application submitted on 4 acres of land in Ringwood Road, Brangore, opposite Derritt Lane.

The Ministry approved the layout of fourteen 3-bedroomed houses on the Old Barn site, Eastfield Lane, Ringwood, for which Planning consent has been obtained and which will be included in the 1969 programme. Also in the programme is the re-development of the two pre-fabricated bungalow sites in Ringwood, being ten 2-bedroomed bungalows and five garages at Parsonage Barn Lane and seven 3-bedroomed houses with integral garages at Eastfield Lane; it was agreed that the sale of these latter houses would be considered.



Action in respect of the land adjoining Sandy Plot, Burton, was deferred in 1967 for further information to be obtained regarding the proposed major traffic Routes 10 and 15, the location of which will affect the site; no further information was forthcoming and as it appeared that the County Council did not feel sufficiently strongly about the issue to refuse Planning permission and pay compensation, it was agreed that development consisting of the erection of sixteen dwellings and thirty-seven garages should proceed in 1969.

Planning applications were made in respect of sites at The Marsh, Breamore, and in the High Street, Damerham, but were not proceeded with because of objections. It was eventually agreed to negotiate for land opposite the existing Council dwellings at West Park Lane, Damerham, on which a Planning application has been submitted for the erection of twelve dwellings.

The Council considered the purchase of a site of approximately  $1\frac{1}{4}$  acres at Stony Lane, Burton, but Planning permission was refused; also a site of  $3\frac{1}{2}$  acres at the rear of Council dwellings at Moortown, Ringwood, but the Planning Authority indicated that permission was unlikely to be given here either. Negotiations were entered into in respect of a site of 2.7 acres offered to the Council at Hightown Road, Ringwood, which has permission for the erection of twenty-nine dwellings. A small piece of land, formerly the site of tennis courts, adjoining land owned by the Council off Alexandra Road, Fordingbridge, was purchased.

Fifty four visits and inspections were made in respect of sites and one hundred and three in respect of capital works in progress.

## HOUSING PROGRAMME

There is a total of 79 dwellings programmed for 1969 as follows:—

Old Barn Site, Eastfield Lane, Ringwood	Included in 1968 programme.	14
Pre-fabricated Bungalow Site, Parsonage		
Barn Lane, Ringwood		10
Pre-fabricated Bungalow Site, Eastfield Lane, Ringwood		7
Sandy Plot, Burton		16
West Park Lane, Damerham		12
Albion Road, Fordingbridge		18
Adjoining Winston Way, Ringwood		2

It has already been agreed that all Council dwellings will now be built to maximum Parker Morris standards, with gas fired warm air heating where this is available and in other cases "Parkray" boilers.

Messrs. Thamar Design Ltd. of Marlow have been appointed to act as the Council's Architects for this programme, in place of The Homeville Company Ltd., as it was felt that this latter Company had become too large and remote to serve the needs of the Council in the comparatively small schemes which they were now undertaking.

The following table shows the position of sites for housing development owned by the Council, or for which negotiations to purchase are in hand:—



<i>Site</i>	<i>Acreage</i>	<i>Planning position</i>	<i>Development</i>
4 acres Ringwood Road, Bransgore.	4.08	Awaiting decision	Not yet planned.
Warnes Lane, Burley.	3.3	Approval 3.6.66	1st contract completed.
		Outline 30.12.65	
Footners Lane, Burton.	1.2	Outline 26.1.68	2nd contract; 5 dwellings, 8 houses, 4 flats and 19 garages.
Sandy Plot, Burton.	1.78	Awaiting decision	16 dwellings and 37 garages.
West Park Lane, Damerham.	2.76	Awaiting decision	12 dwellings and 12 garages.
Alexandra Road, Fordingbridge.	2.02	Refusal	20 dwellings approximately.
St. George's Road and Albion Road, Fordingbridge.	1.9	Outline 28.2.68	36 dwellings for aged persons.
Waverley Road, Fordingbridge.	1.12	Not yet applied for	10 dwellings.
Land at Martin.	5.5	Not yet applied for	20-30 dwellings approximately.
The Old Barn, Eastfield Lane, Ringwood.	1.35	Approval 29.9.68	14 dwellings and 6 garages.
Pre-fabricated Bungalow Site, Eastfield Lane, Ringwood.	.85	Approval 17.12.68	7 dwellings with integral garages.
Hightown Road, Ringwood.	2.7	Not yet applied for	Existing permission for 29 dwellings.
Pre-fabricated Bungalow Site, Parsonage Barn Lane, Ringwood.	1.75	Approval 17.12.68	10 dwellings for aged persons .
Land south of Wessex Estate, Ringwood.	2.0	Not yet applied for	23 dwellings approximately.
Land adjoining Winston Way, Ringwood.	.12	Outline 4.1.68	2 dwellings.
Land adjoining Whipps Hill, Rockbourne.	.27	Not yet applied for	2 dwellings.
Glenives Close, St. Ives.	.5	Outline 31.8.67	7 dwellings.
The Close, St. Ives.	.41	Outline 10.1.68	4 houses, 6 flats for aged persons and 16 garages.

## ESTATE MAINTENANCE

At the 31st December, 1968, the Council had a total of 1,434 occupied dwellings made up as follows:—

Permanent Houses, including 44 aged persons' flats .	1,416
Pre-fabricated Bungalows . . . . .	18
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The Council has erected a total of 466 garages which are let at 10s. 0d. per week; garages are let to persons other than Council tenants where they are available.

The permanent houses, garages and pre-fabricated bungalows are sited as follows:—

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Locality</i>	<i>Permanent</i>	<i>Pre-fabricated</i>	<i>Garages</i>
Breamore	St. George's Cottages . . . .	4		
Burley	Campden House . . . .	2		
	Chapel Haye . . . .	10		
	Meadow Close . . . .	20		10
	Warnes Lane . . . .	35		7
Christchurch	Meyrick Close, Bransgore . . . .	18		15
East	Westbury Close, Bransgore . . . .	32		
	Burton Park, Burton . . . .	76		43
	Footners Lane, Burton . . . .	14	6	7
	Jopps Corner, Burton . . . .	7		4
	Sandy Plot, Burton . . . .	56		16
	Burton Green . . . .	4		
	Neacroft . . . .	3		
	Thorneyhill . . . .	27		
Damerham	High Street . . . .	2		
	South End . . . .	4		
	West Park Lane . . . .	23		
Ellingham	Blashford . . . .	4		
Fordingbridge	The Bartons . . . .	25		9
	Green Lane . . . .	10		
	Jubilee Close . . . .	16		6
	Lower Bartons . . . .	28		
	Parsonage Close . . . .	14		19
	Penny's Close, Penny's Lane, and Penny's Crescent . . . .	60		28
	Picket Close . . . .	54		9
	Roundhill . . . .	2		
	St. George's Road . . . .	12		
	Salisbury Road . . . .	8		
	Tinker's Cross . . . .	2		
	Waverley Road . . . .	26		
Hale	St. George's Cottages . . . .	14		
Harbridge and Ibsley	Brookside . . . .	6		
Hurn	Moors Close . . . .	54		22
Martin	St. George's Cottages . . . .	12		
	Townsend . . . .	24		
Ringwood	55, The Bickerley . . . .	1		
	58/68, Christchurch Road . . . .	6		
	Clark's Close . . . .	18		
	Cloughs Road . . . .	20		4
	Fairlie Estate . . . .	3		
	Fairlie Park . . . .	36		10
	Hightown . . . .	8		
	Hurst Road . . . .	42		6
	Manor Road . . . .	35		15
	Merryweather . . . .	24		
	Moortown . . . .	14		7
	Poplar Crescent . . . .	37		
	Poplar Way . . . .	58		27
	Queens Way . . . .	71		24
	Southampton Road . . . .	1		
	Spittlefields . . . .	79		99
	Wessex Estate . . . .	92		43
	Winston Way . . . .	48		15
	Woodstock Lane . . . .	2		



<i>Parish</i>	<i>Locality</i>	<i>Permanent</i>	<i>Pre-fabricated</i>	<i>Garages</i>
Rockbourne	Bourne Cottages . . . . .	6		
	Minty's Hill . . . . .	6		
	Whipps Hill . . . . .	1		
Sopley	Avon . . . . .	4		
	Burnt House Lane, Bransgore .	20		7
	Derritt Lane, Bransgore . . .		6	
	Ripley . . . . .	2		
St. Leonards and St. Ives	Ashley . . . . .	4		
	Glenives Close and The Close .	10	6	
	Old School . . . . .	1		
	Woolsbridge Road . . . . .	16		
Whitsbury	Lower Grove . . . . .	17		8
Woodgreen	Hill Close . . . . .	12		
	The Cross . . . . .	8		6
	St. George's Cottages . . . . .	6		

The maintenance of these estates entailed a total of seven thousand eight hundred and five visits and inspections as follows:—

Permanent Houses . . . . .	7,596
Pre-fabricated Bungalows . . . . .	129
Sewage Disposal . . . . .	67
Other Council Property . . . . .	13
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	7,805
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Fifty five visits and inspections were made in respect of the maintenance of Council Caravan Sites.

One house at Spittlefields, Ringwood, was sold to the tenant, and enquiries received regarding 8 other Council dwellings. The 6 pre-fabricated bungalows at Warnes Lane, Burley, were sold and the site cleared.

Tenders amounting to £10,120 15s. 0d. were accepted for external painting of 420 dwellings; owing to inclement weather works to 102 of these dwellings were deferred until 1969. Internal decorating works were carried out at a cost of £1,269 0s. 0d. to 90 dwellings occupied by aged or infirm tenants; the existing arrangements whereby tenants are supplied with distemper and Ceilingite in order to carry out their own re-decorations were continued. A tender of £2,317 5s. 8d. was accepted for electrical installations to 100 dwellings, designed to bring these up to the minimum standard of one 13 amp. point in each room and a cooker control panel in the kitchen; some 200 dwellings are still below this standard. The practice of checking and improving such installations upon changes of tenancy was continued. A further 17 immersion heaters were installed at tenants' requests, making a total of 681, a charge of 6d. per week being made to the tenant.

56 "Alico" ranges in dwellings throughout the District occupied by elderly tenants were replaced with open fireplaces at a cost of £3,702 0s. 0d. as part of the five-year programme to replace the 250 ranges still in use. An addition containing two bedrooms was built on to a dwelling at Thorneyhill, occupied and overcrowded by a gypsy family.



The Housing Committee made their triennial inspection of housing estates in June and July.

## HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQUISITION) ACT

One hundred and thirteen visits and inspections were made in connection with a total of 171 dwellings constructed or purchased with assistance under these Acts since 1941.

## LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

It was found necessary to institute proceedings as follows:—

### **Food and Drugs Act, 1955, Section 2:**

Mr. J. W. Brown.	Fined £15 0s. 0d. with £7 7s. 0d. Advocate's fee.
Mr. K. Rymer.	Fined £15 0s. 0d. with £5 5s. 0d. Advocate's fee.
Messrs. G. W. Green (Bournemouth). Ltd.	Fined £10 0s. 0d. with £5 5s. 0d. Advocate's fee.
Mr. R. Walthew.	Case pending.
Messrs. Baxters (Butchers) Ltd., Northampton. (Case from 1967).	Fined £15 0s. 0d. with £5 5s. 0d. Advocate's fee and 15s. 0d. expenses.

### **Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations, 1966:**

Mr. T. Hampton.	Case pending.
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### **Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960:**

Mr. L. W. Frampton.	Fined £10 0s. 0d. with £10 10s. 0d. Advocate's fee.
Mrs. V. I. Baker and Miss S. P. Street.	Each fined £15 0s. 0d. and total of £15 15s. 0d. Advocate's fee.
Moortown Farms Ltd., Ringwood.	Case pending.
Mr. F. C. Tanner.	Case deferred for 1 year.

Eighteen visits were made.

## STAFF

In addition to the officers engaged on Public Health the following technical officers are engaged on works in connection with New Streets and Buildings, Town and Country Planning, Housing Estate Maintenance etc:—

- D. W. Parnaby, MUN.B.I., *Chief Building Inspector*;
- F. W. Hinton, MUN.B.I., *Building Inspector*;
- E. W. M. Maer, MUN.B.I., *Building Inspector*;
- R. Breese, *Junior Building Inspector*;
- K. A. C. Treasure, *Estate Maintenance Assistant*.
- T. C. Bartram, *Estate Maintenance Assistant*.

## CONCLUSION

I wish to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council, Mr. A. H. Hale and Dr. D. J. N. McNab for their confidence and support, and the staff of my Department for their co-operation throughout the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

RONALD A. UPSTONE,  
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND SURVEYOR





